

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the application. Claims 5, 6, 8-10, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 22 stand objected to as each depending from a rejected base claim. Each of these claims has been rewritten in independent form so as to be allowable.

Claims 1-4, 7, 11-14, 17, 20, 21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC§102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,152,057 (Badillo).

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 11-14, 17, 20, 21 and 23 is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to characterize the tensioning element as having a configuration that limits lengthwise shifting of a spirally wrapped portion of thread so as to controllably maintain a lengthwise space between adjacent turns of a spirally wrapped portion of thread wrapped against the circumferential surface.

Badillo is devoid of any teaching or suggestion of a structure for controllably maintaining a lengthwise space between adjacent turns of a spirally wrapped portion of thread. The turned end in Badillo prevents sliding of the turns off of the tensioning element 124, but does not controllably maintain a space between adjacent turns of thread, as claimed.

Claim 11, which is directed to the combination of a bobbin case assembly and a thread drawing assembly, has a tensioning element as in claim 1. Claim 11 has been amended to characterize the tensioning element as having a configuration the same as that in now amended claim 1.

Claim 23 is directed to a method of drawing thread from a support for the thread wrapped around the bobbin. The method includes the step of causing the spirally wrapped

portion to be limited in lengthwise shifting relative to the portion of the body as the thread is drawn off of the bobbin so that a lengthwise space is controllably maintained between adjacent turns of the spirally wrapped portion of the thread.

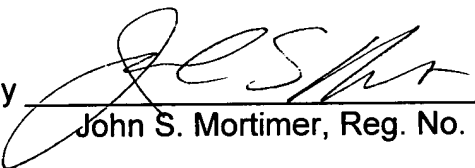
All independent claims are believed to patentably distinguish over Badillo. The remaining rejected claims depend cognately from one of these independent claims and recite further significant limitations to further distinguish over the prior art.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 11-14, 17, 20, 21, 23 and allowance of the case are requested.

The additional claim fee of \$1000.00 is enclosed. Should additional fees be required in connection with this matter, please charge our deposit account No. 23-0785.

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